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**CPUC ISSUES FINAL VERSION OF CUSTOMER CHOICE PAPER
TO ADVANCE CALIFORNIA'S SAFE, AFFORDABLE,
AND RELIABLE ENERGY FUTURE**

SAN FRANCISCO, August 7, 2018 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), after extensive public input, today issued the final version of its customer Choice Paper. The Choice Paper addresses the changing electric market in California and resulting new challenges that are confronting the state's energy future and reliability. The purpose of the Choice Paper is to raise awareness of the challenges and opportunities in California's rapidly changing electricity market, engage stakeholders, and advance a public dialogue to ensure continued reliable, clean, and affordable electricity for customers and equitable treatment for all market participants.

Today's release is the culmination of more than a year of stakeholder input and guidance from the Choice Paper's Ad Hoc Advisory Committee of nationally recognized energy experts. The final version includes non-material changes inspired by written comments submitted from numerous stakeholders and the remarks of participants at public workshops and En Bancs.

As next steps, the CPUC will continue to work with stakeholders and other state leadership in planning for California's energy future and reliability. The CPUC will perform a gap analysis that will examine the fundamental questions raised in the Choice Paper to identify critical issues requiring solutions. Additionally, a public workshop will be held mid-October 2018, to discuss the CPUC's findings in the gap analysis and a draft action plan as the framework for addressing these gaps.

The Choice Paper and additional details on the proposed October workshop are available at www.cpuc.ca.gov/CustomerChoice.



The title of the draft paper ,“The Green Book,” referred to the evolution of the CPUC’s policy work on retail choice in the “Yellow” and “Blue” Books. Since issuing the draft paper, we have learned that “The Green Book” had a specific meaning for African American travelers from 1936 to 1966. As a result, the final document will be referred to as the “Choice Paper” or by its full title: *California Customer Choice: An Evaluation of the Regulatory Framework Options for an Evolving Electricity Market*. We apologize for not recognizing earlier the prior use and association of the name “The Green Book.”

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